

## Request for City Council Committee Action From the City Attorney's Office

Date:

June 7, 2012

To: Referral to:	Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Subject:	Kurt A. Mencel v. City of Minneapolis Court File No.:
<b>Recommendation</b> : That the City Council approve the settlement of this Workers' Compensation claim by payment of \$100,000.00 payable to Kurt A. Mencel and his attorneys, Meuser & Associates, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.	
Previous Di	rectives: None
Prepared by:	Thomas J. Miller Phone: (612) 673-2897
Approved by	Susan L. Segal City Attorney
Presenter in	Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney
Financial In	npact:(Check those that apply)
No finar	icial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
	equires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or  g Budget.
Action p	rovides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
Action r	equires use of contingency or reserves.
Business	s Plan: Action is within the plan Action requires a change to
X Other fin	nancial impact (Explain): \$100,000.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400
Request Coordin	provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee ator.

Community Impact: Other

## **Background/Supporting Information:**

This matter and subsequent claim arise out of work related injuries suffered by Sergeant Kurt A. Mencel during his employment with the Minneapolis Police Department from September 8, 1997 to the present. As a consequence of his work-related injuries at the City of Minneapolis, Sgt. Mencel is entitled to a number of benefits through workers' compensation.

The Workers' Compensation Department of Risk Management has been granted authority up to \$75,000.00 for settlement purposes. Any settlement that exceeds this authority must be approved by the council. Following extensive negotiations with his attorney, we have reached a tentative settlement of Sgt. Mencel's workers' compensation claim against the City in the amount of \$100,000.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Police Department and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.

TJM / 11-29164